

CGA SPONSOR FAMILY APPLICATION 3/4/2019 Last Update

The Coast Guard Academy Cadet Sponsor Program is not a government program. The sole purpose of the Cadet Sponsor Program and this application form/questionnaire is to provide information to the Program so that we can best meet the needs of our cadets and sponsor families.

Program Objectives: 1) Provide fourth class cadets the opportunity to become familiar with an important dimension of service life by socializing with people in the community who are in the military OR interested in supporting the military and, 2) Provide a **safe** home setting for cadets who are away from home.

Program Eligibility: Sponsors must be at least 28 years old and live within 25 miles of the Coast Guard Academy in order to be considered (exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis). Active duty military must have a rank/rate of E-7 or O-3 and above.

Coast Guard Academy's policy on background screening now requires all adults who volunteer to mentor, teach, coach or sponsor cadets, whether on or off Coast Guard Academy grounds, to provide personal information (name, birth date and social security number) for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check.

Generally, the following will prohibit participation in the Cadet Sponsor Family Program: an arrest or conviction for a violent crime (including domestic assault or abuse), a crime against a child, or a crime of a sexual nature, will be disqualifying, as will an arrest or conviction for driving under the influence (DUI), driving while intoxicated (SWI) or reckless driving.

Please mail completed application to: Cadet Activities Fund – Sponsor Family Program, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 29 Mohegan Ave, New London, CT 06320-8102 .

Sponsor Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Spouse Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Sponsor Family
Home Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Preferred E-mail address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

1. Distance of residence from the Coast Guard Academy _____ (miles)

2. Sponsors' Children:
(Circle one) Age

Name:

M / F _____

M / F _____

M / F _____

M / F _____

3. Please circle the letter that most accurately describes your current status:

A) Military member assigned to USCGA Department/Email _____

B) Local active military Unit/Department/Email _____

C) Civilian staff or faculty member assigned to USCGA Department/Email _____

D) Local civilian - Place of Employment _____

E) Local retired or reserve military - Place of Employment _____

4. Provide a Statement of Interest as to why you would like to be part of the Sponsor Family Program and what you feel you have to offer:

PLEASE PROVIDE TWO CHARACTER REFERENCES BELOW: Name, Email AND telephone number of references and your relationship to them:

1) _____

2) _____

5. Please enter the number of cadets you would like assigned to you **this** year? ____

****How many sponsor cadets from *previous* years are you still active with?** ____

Cadet Name(s) _____

6. Number of years you have participated in the sponsor program ____

SPECIFIC CADET REQUEST:

7. If you wish to **sponsor a particular cadet**, please enter their full name(s), city and home state(s) and how you know them below. Please be accurate with the spelling of their name(s):

Name	City and Home State	Relationship to cadet

****IMPORTANT:** If you request a specific cadet by name, if possible please contact the cadet and ask that he or she requests you specifically by name as well. Otherwise the cadet may be assigned to another family if the cadet's preferences don't match.

HOUSEHOLD AND GENERAL PREFERENCES:

The following information about your family will solely be used to assist in the matching process. All answers are to be provided on a voluntary basis:

8. What is your ethnic background:

- A) Caucasian
- B) African-American
- C) Asian-American
- D) Hispanic
- E) Filipino
- X) Other _____

9. What is your religious background:

- A) Catholic
- B) Protestant
- C) Islamic
- D) Jewish
- E) Mormon
- F) None
- X) Other _____

10. **List up to 5 things that you are interested in. Please refer to the attached *Interest Selection List* and circle your choices on the list itself. You can also circle more than five. We will use these interests in the matching process.** Place the corresponding numbers of your top five interests in the boxes below. If your interest is not similar to any on the list, you may write it in the box below.

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11. Do you allow smoking in your home? A) No B) Outside only C) Yes

12. Do you prefer a non-smoking cadet?

- A) Yes B) No C) No Preference

13. Are there pets in your home?

- A) No pets
- B) Dogs: Type of dog _____
- C) Cats
- X) Other: Type _____

14. How frequently would you be expecting visits from your cadet(s)?

- A) During liberty time only
- B) Holidays and leave periods only
- C) Both A and B

15. Do you have any preferences concerning the cadets to be assigned?

- A) No I have no additional preferences
B) Yes See my preferences stated below

To the extent you have any preferences, please indicate them below. We will attempt to match your requests as closely as possible. Please understand that matching is made with the cadet's preferences considered first, and the family's second. Cadets will also be asked to state their preferences; to the extent they have any. If the cadet states no preferences, he/she will be matched according to the preferences of the sponsor family.

16. A) Cadet gender

- A) No Preference
- B) Male only
- C) Female only
- D) Both #M ____, #F ____

17. B) Cadet ethnic background

- A) No Preference
- B) Caucasian

- C) African-American
- D) Asian-American
- E) Hispanic
- F) Filipino
- G) Other _____

18. C) Cadet Home State

- A) No Preference
- B) Specify State _____

19. D) Cadet religious background

- A) No Preference
- B) Catholic
- C) Protestant
- D) Islamic
- E) Jewish
- F) Mormon
- G) Other _____

20. E) Cadet sports affiliation

- A) No Preference
- B) Specify sport(s) _____

21. F) Cadet diversity council affiliation

a. ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN COUNCIL (APAC) - This council hopes to provide cadets with a better understanding, experience, and celebration of the Asian and Pacific Islander cultures.

b. COMPAÑEROS COUNCIL - The Compañeros Council seeks to provide a means by which cadets of Hispanic background and cadets with an interest in Hispanic culture and the Spanish language can celebrate Hispanic heritage and promote awareness of Hispanic culture within the Corps of Cadets.

c. GENESIS COUNCIL - The Genesis Council's primary mission is to provide the cadet corps with opportunities to learn about and experience, first-hand, the history, cultural nuances, and issues that characterize the African-American/Black diaspora today and to provide a support network, based upon a familial atmosphere and fellowship, for council members.

d. SPECTRUM - Spectrum, will work to promote a campus environment accepting of all the Academy community, bringing LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) persons and others together, through advancing the principles of "Leadership," "Professionalism," and "Respect," and the values and mission of the United States Coast Guard Academy.

e. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL - The mission of the International Council is to expand the international perspectives and cross-cultural competence of the Corps of Cadets through education about foreign culture as well as networking and support programs.

f. WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL - The mission of the Women's Leadership Council is to promote female health and wellness, create a professional female leadership network, and create a positive relationship between female and male cadets.

22. If you listed preferences above, please list them here in order of importance:

23. (Optional) Additional information that may help with the matching process:

Interests List updated 3/4/2019
(Please feel free to circle several
interests)
Sports

1. Baseball
2. Basketball
3. Bowling
4. Boxing
5. Crew
6. Football
7. Golf
8. Gymnastics
9. Hockey
10. Ice Skating
11. Lacrosse
12. Martial Arts
13. Rugby
14. Running
15. Soccer
16. Softball
17. Swimming
18. Tennis
19. Volleyball
20. Water Polo
21. Wrestling

Outdoor Activities

22. Skiing/Snowboarding
23. Auto Racing/Cars
24. Boating/Water Skiing/Jet Ski
25. Sailing
26. Kayaking
27. Scuba Diving/ Snorkeling
28. Surfing
29. Flying & Aeronautics
30. Pistol/Rifle
31. Biking
32. Hiking
33. Hunting
34. Working out/ Crossfit

Crafts & Hobbies

35. Visual Art/Drawing
36. Scrapbooking
37. Computers/ Video Games
38. Cooking / Baking

39. Horses
40. Gardening
41. Farming
42. Sewing / Knitting/Needle Point
43. Photography
44. Play musical instrument
45. Woodworking
46. Singing
47. Witing / Reading

Other Intererts

48. Church
49. Community Outreach/ Service
50. Dancing
51. Movies
52. Theater / Performing Arts
53. Travel
54. Board & Card Games
55. Family Activities
56. Politics
57. Science
58. Science Fiction
59. Boys/Girls Scout
60. Rock Climbing

List adapted from USNA Sponsor Program